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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 3, 2010, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on July 19, 2009 for failure to pay the 3.5 year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The fees due in connection with this petition total \$2,620: \$1,640.00 (surcharge) and \$980.00 (3.5 year maintenance fee). As petitioner to date has submitted \$4,240.00, the appropriate refunds have been requested on petitioner's behalf. Questions regarding refunds must be directed to the Finance Office, Refund Section.

There is no indication that the petition is signed by a registered patent attorney or patent agent of record. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, the signature of practitioner appearing on the correspondence shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he acts. If practitioner desires to receive correspondence regarding this file, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. This decision is being mailed to practitioner, the petitioner herein. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the above-noted correspondence address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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